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GASOLINE CONTROL PROCEDURES IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK ARMY (C)

Introduction

Gasoline for use in military vehicles was issued at the Belsky Les Casern filling station.

in 1959 the casern storage area was still in operation.

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Any driver who saved gasoline during one month received, as a reward in his next month's pay, 15 percent of the value of the amount saved. The amount usually was so small that the drivers preferred to blackmarket the coupons for larger profits rather than to turn them in to their units. The black market sale of coupons was a common practice for the drivers.

Several times each year, unit personnel responsible for completing the monthly gasoline consumption reports were called to battalion for briefing on the value and control of gasoline. more emphasis was placed on the control of gasoline than on the care of individual weapons.

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A. PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING GASOLINE

Separate procedures were used for issuing gasoline from the filling station at Belsky Les Casern to troops actually stationed at the casern, other units supported by the casern for POL products, and official state vehicles.

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Troops stationed at the casern used a book in which the station attendant stamped the date and recorded in ink the amount of each issue.

Units supported by Belsky Les Casern used a three-part coupon

Each time an issue was made, all three parts of the coupon were turned over to the station attendant, who tore off the portion he required for his records and returned the remaining two portions to the driver, who turned them in to his unit.

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In 1954, when vehicles belonging to units supported by Belsky Les Casern were unable, because of distance, to retank at the casern, the same coupons used at civilian filling stations, where the same procedure applied.

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Official state vehicles also used coupons for purchasing gasoline. those were different from the type used by the military but could also be used at civilian filling stations.

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B. ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

When the gasoline consumption information was consolidated into report form by each unit, the total liters consumed was checked against the coupons received for the month. Gasoline not consumed in military vehicles during the month was purchased by the unit and stored in 200-liter steel drums in a tool shed within the unit area. Any left-over gasoline purchased was usually used by the unit commander in his private vehicle. It was unusual to have a vehicle which did not consume its normal monthly allowance, at least for purposes of the consolidated report.

The basic allowance for each type of vehicle varied. the following basic allowance was received monthly:

3 trucks	400 liters each
1 jeep	100 liters
5 motorcycles	25 liters each

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When the gasoline allowance for one type of vehicle was exhausted, the trip tickets from other vehicles were "padded" so that all vehicles remained in use. When, for some unforeseen reason, gasoline was very short in any one month, kerosene was mixed with it at a ratio of one liter of kerosene to ten liters of gasoline so that no vehicle was left standing idle.

The report forms used by units for their consolidated monthly report changed approximately twice each year; however, the coupons and accounting system for units remained the same. [redacted] the monthly report re- 50X1-HUM
quired the following information:

Number and types of vehicles

Amount of gasoline authorized per vehicle during the month

Amount of gasoline consumed for the month for each type of vehicle

Kilometers traveled per vehicle during the month (unloaded)

Kilometers traveled per vehicle during the month (loaded)

Percentage of authorized gasoline consumed per vehicle

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When the consolidated coupon report was completed at unit level, it was forwarded to battalion with the second part of the coupon. The third part was retained at unit level to substantiate the unit copy of the report. A letter of justification for gasoline coupons for the coming month was attached to the battalion copy of the gasoline consumption report. [redacted]

C. REQUEST FOR INCREASES IN ALLOWANCE

Any increase in gasoline allowance had to be clearly justified to battalion before coupons were issued. If battalion approved the justification, coupons were immediately forwarded to the requesting unit. 50X1-HUM

It was not uncommon to request additional allowances of gasoline during winter months. [redacted]

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